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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. VISITING POL/MILOFF MET WITH KEY UNAMIR OFFICIALS  
1 DECEMBER TO DISCUSS ONGOING UN OPERATIONS IN  
RWANDA. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS CONVEYED  
DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR MEETING.

3. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 330  
UNITED NATIONS MILITARY OBSERVERS/PEACEKEEPERS IN  
RWANDA. 95 UN MILITARY TROOPS (60 OF WHICH ARE

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TUNISIAN) ARE OPERATING IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE. THE REMAINDER OF THE UN SOLDIERS ARE BASED IN KIGALI. THIS INCLUDES 150 BELGIAN PARA-COMMANDOS, 50 BANGALADESHI ENGINEERS, AND 25-30 HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL, MOST OF WHOM HAVE BEEN DRAWN FROM OTHER UN OPERATIONS. THE UN REPORTS THAT AN ADDITIONAL 300 BELGIAN SOLDIERS ARE EXPECTED IN KIGALI BY 5 DECEMBER; THEIR LOGISTICS MATERIEL HAS ALREADY BEEN PRE-POSITIONED BY BELGIAN AIR FORCE C-130 AIRCRAFT.

4. UNAMIR IS USING 15 DECEMBER AS A PLANNING DATE FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY OF KIGALI AND THE DEPARTURE OF THE REMAINING FRENCH TROOPS. UNAMIR IS HOPING TO HAVE A TOTAL OF 600 UW TROOPS IN KIGALI BY THAT DATE. 450 TROOPS OF THE KIGALI SECURITY FORCE WILL BE BELGIANS, AND THE UN HAS REQUESTED THAT BANGALADESH PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL 350 SOLDIERS. BANGALADESH HAS REPORTEDLY COMMITTED ONLY TO PROVIDING A REINFORCED COMPANY FOR KIGALI, AND HAS TAKEN THE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TROOPS UNDER

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ADVISEMENT. UNAMIR OFFICERS STATED THAT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA AND DEFENSE MINISTER BIZIMANA ARE ATTEMPTING TO SLOW THE DEPARTURE OF THE FRENCH (AND THEREFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE RPF IN KIGALI TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT). THE UNAMIR COMMANDER, BRIGADIER DALLAIRE, HAS STATED THAT HE REQUIRES THAT, FOR CONFIDENCE BUILDING, THE UN TROOPS BE IN CHARGE OF KIGALI'S SECURITY FOR TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE ENTRY OF THE RPF INTO THE CAPITAL.

5. THE UNAMIR OFFICER THAT CONDUCTED THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE BOMBING OF THE BELGIAN RED CROSS TRUCK ON 26 NOVEMBER, WHICH KILLED THE DRIVER, HAS CONCLUDED THAT A RADIO-CONTROLLED MINE OR BOMB WAS USED TO CARRY OUT THE ACT (RATHER THAN A PRESSURE PLATE-TRIGGERED ANTI-TANK MINE AS WAS FIRST SPECULATED). FOLLOWING THE EXPLOSION, THE PERPETRATOR(S) TOSSED AN OLD, BUT UNDAMAGED PHOTO-BUTTON WITH THE NAME AND PICTURE OF GENERAL FRED RWIGEMA, THE LATE OFFICER WHO LED THE OCTOBER 90 RPF INVASION INTO RWANDA, INTO THE CRATER.

6. THE UN INVESTIGATION INTO THE INCIDENT/KILLINGS DURING THE NIGHT OF 29/30 NOVEMBER CONTINUES. UN

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PERSONNEL ARRIVED IN THE VICINITY OF MUTURA LATE ON THE AFTERNOON OF 30 NOVEMBER. THEY VERIFIED THAT THERE HAD IN FACT BEEN CIVILIANS KILLED, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE IN THE DAY TO TELL WHETHER THERE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN A FIREFIGHT, OR TO DETERMINE ANY FACTS ABOUT THE PERPETRATORS. A UNAMIR OFFICER STATED THAT THE WOUNDS IN THE INCIDENT WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE

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SUSTAINED BY THE VICTIMS IN THE COORDINATED ATTACKS ON THE NIGHT OF 17/18 NOVEMBER NORTHEAST OF RUHENGERI, LEADING THE UN TO BELIEVE THAT THE SAME CULPRITS WERE INVOLVED IN BOTH ATTACKS. UNAMIR BELIEVES THAT THE MOTIVE FOR THE INCIDENTS IS AN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT UNAMIR AND NGO'S FROM OPERATING IN THE DMZ IN AN EFFORT TO DERAIL THE ENTIRE PEACE PROCESS. (COMMENT: WHILE THE INSECURITY CAUSED BY THESE INCIDENTS HAS LED SEVERAL NGO'S TO HALT THEIR OPERATIONS IN THE DMZ, THEY HAVE NOT HAD THE SAME NEGATIVE EFFECT ON UNAMIR; GENERAL DELAIRE HAS REQUESTED UN HEADQUARTERS TO EXPEDITE THE DEPLOYMENT

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OF UN PERSONNEL TO RWANDA IN AN EFFORT TO SPEED THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE ACCORD.)

7. THE UN OFFICER SAID THAT, WHILE UNAMIR CANNOT  
PROVE IT, THEY STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT HUTU EXTREMISTS  
(POSSIBLY INCLUDING FAR PERSONNEL AND/OR HABYARIMANA  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS) ARE BEHIND THESE ACTS RATHER  
THAN THE RPF; WHILE THE TUTSI-DOMINATED RPF GAINS  
PARTICIPATION IN RWANDAN POLITINAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE  
THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE ACCORDS, THE  
HABYARIMANA CLIQUE AND HUTUS IN GENERAL MAY BE SEEN  
AS LOSING IN THE PEACE PROCESS. FURTHER, SENIOR  
UNAMIR OFFICERS FEAR THAT THE EXTREMISTS, HAVING THUS  
FAR FAILED TO PREVENT OR SLOW THE UN DEPLOYMENT, MAY  
NEXT STRIKE DIRECTLY AT UN PERSONNEL.

8. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY AS TO WHETHER THE UN  
THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO CONVENE A MEETING OF  
THE JOINT POLITICAL-MILITARY COMMISSION (JPMC) TO  
ADDRESS THE CURRENT SECURITY ISSUES, AS IS PROVIDED  
FOR IN THE PEACE AGREEMENT, THE UNAMIR SPOKESMAN

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STATED THAT THEY PREFERRED TO ADDRESS THE MATTER UNDER THE RUBRIC OF THE ONGOING MEETINGS OF THE JOINT GOR-RPF PLANNING COMMISSION ON MILITARY INTEGRATION. WHEREAS THE JPMC MEETINGS TENDED TO DEGENERATE INTO ANARCHIC FINGER POINTING SESSIONS, UNAMIR FEELS IT HAS GREATER CONTROL OVER THE CONDUCT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS.

9. UNAMIR EXPECTS TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT PRESENCE  
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AT MULINDI (OR WHEREVER ELSE THE RPF MAY POSITION ITS HEADQUARTERS) BY 15 DECEMBER. THE UN SEES THIS AS BEING A CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURE FOR THE GOR, AND BELIEVES THAT IT WILL BE A BALANCED ACTION SINCE UNAMIR IS ALREADY PRESENT IN STRENGTH NEAR THE FAR HEADQUARTERS. A UNAMIR OFFICER WHO IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH THE RPF ON 2 DECEMBER WILL PRESENT THE PLAN TO THE THEM AT THAT TIME.

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